

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (New): A dishwasher tub support frame, the tub comprising a front, a rear wall, opposite side walls, a top wall, and a bottom wall, a flange having a vertical surface extending around the top and side walls and a guide rib extending around the top and side walls and being spaced to the rear of the vertical surface to create a groove therebetween, the tub support frame comprising:

an elongated support member formed from a single unitary material and comprising a pair of spaced apart upright U-shaped members and an inverted U-shaped member;

the pair of upright U-shaped members each comprising an upright rear leg and an upright front leg joined by a horizontal bottom rail;

the inverted U-shaped member comprising a pair of upstanding side rails extending upwardly from the upright front legs of the upright U-shaped members, and a top rail interconnecting the upper ends of the upstanding side rails;

the inverted U-shaped member being sized and shaped to fit within the groove between the guide rib and the vertical surface of the flange;

the upstanding side rails of the inverted U-shaped member having a plurality of holes therein extending in a direction from the front of the side rails in a rear direction through the side rails for receiving screws to attach the upstanding side rails to the vertical surface of the flange of the tub.

Claim 18 (New): The dishwasher tub support frame according to claim 17 wherein the unitary support member is of square cross-section.

Claim 19 (New): The dishwasher tub support frame according to claim 17 wherein the unitary support member is of U-shaped cross-section.

Claim 20 (New): The dishwasher tub support frame according to claim 17 wherein the support member further comprises first and second transitional portions angling in a rearward and downward direction to connect the lower ends of the side rails with the upright front legs of the upright U-shaped members.

Claim 21 (New): The dishwasher tub support frame according to claim 17 wherein the pair of spaced apart upright rear and front legs are parallel to one another.

Claim 22 (New): The dishwasher tub support frame according to claim 17 wherein the upstanding side rails are vertical and parallel to one another.